

**DENNIS P. ZINE
COUNCILMAN, THIRD DISTRICT**

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Zine Initiative will Expand LAPD



In October, my colleagues Wendy Greuel and Alex Padilla joined me as we introduced a motion asking all city departments to generate cost saving measures to assist the city in hiring additional LAPD officers. This motion comes at a critical time for both the citizens of this City, and for the Los Angeles Police Department who are in dire need of additional police personnel.

savings being equally divided between the department and the police fund. I am hopeful that our city departments can find areas where they can become more efficient, or create ways for the city to make more money.

Chief Bratton has done an outstanding job reducing crime and responding to community concerns with the number of officers he has available. However the ever changing needs of our city, especially in the wake of 9-11, have increased the demand for LAPD personnel. Currently, the LAPD has just over 9,000 sworn officers. There are simply not enough officers to fight crime, fight terrorism, fight gangs, and keep our communities and streets safe.

With the failure of Measure A – an initiative that would have used increased sales tax revenues to hire additional officers – it is time for the City Council to show we are committed to hiring more officers with existing funds, instead of at additional tax-payer expense.

The goal of this motion is to ask city departments to investigate ways they can save money, or generate funds, so additional officers can be hired. The funds generated by the department’s search will be split 50/50 with the

Many of you probably know that prior to my 2001 election to the Los Angeles City Council, I enjoyed a 33-year career in law enforcement with the prestigious Los Angeles Police Department. Over the years I served our city in many capacities including, patrol officer, traffic supervisor, and Director of the Police Union. Even today, I continue my work with the department as an active member of the LAPD reserve corps. Throughout all these years of service, never has the need for additional police personnel been more apparent, or more necessary.

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“As your Public Servant, my Staff and I Pledge to...”

1. **Improve The Quality of Life in our District.**
2. **Maintain Public Safety.**
3. **Follow up Your Concerns in a Timely Manner.**
4. **Keep You Informed of Issues in the District.**
5. **Attend Your Meetings and Events.**
6. **Have the Communities Priorities Come First.**

**DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilman, Third District**



Seasons



Greetings

Dear Friends:

This is the time of year for reflecting on the past and looking ahead to set goals and priorities for the coming year.

There is much work left to do to continue our efforts of spreading “Unity in the Community” and improving the quality of life for all people in the Third Council District.

Over the past year, the Third District POSSE (People Organizing Safe, Secure Environments) has continued to grow with more than 300 members including a Spanish Speaking POSSE. These POSSE members are actively making a difference in our communities by reporting illegally posted signs, Building and Safety violations, abandoned vehicles and illegal dumping. If you are interested in participating, please call my District office at (818) 756-8848.

In the neighborhoods I represent, I continue to fight for city services that will improve your quality of life. During my tenure as your City Councilman I have fought to get 9,181 trees trimmed and 1,740 tree stumps removed, 67.50 miles of streets resurfaced and 24.78 miles of streets slurry sealed, 17.18 miles of sidewalks reconstructed, 13,943 streetlights repaired and 23,953 tons of illegally dumped debris removed.

I am proud to say that we have four beautiful new libraries that I encourage you to visit, and a new police station is scheduled to open in early 2005.

**If I or my office can help you with a concern, please do not hesitate to contact us
City Hall Office — (213) 473-7003 or my District Office — (818) 756-8848.**

I am very excited about the coming year and look forward to working with each of you to make our corner of the valley a better place to live, work and play.

I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

DENNIS P. ZINE

Councilman, Third District





**TOM HENRY,
CHIEF PLANNING
DEPUTY**

Planning Updates!



**MARIANNE KING,
ASSOCIATE PLANNING
DEPUTY**

Councilman Zine Helps Save the Integrity of Walnut Acres

On October 7th, 2004 Councilman Zine asked his planning staff to speak at a public hearing to oppose a “flag” lot split proposed at 23141 Burbank Boulevard. This proposal is located in a neighborhood of Woodland Hills affectionately known as Walnut Acres. It is an area of beautiful homes, some of which have horse keeping and other agricultural uses.



Typical Ranch Style houses as this one are prevalent throughout Walnut Acres.

Walnut Acres is a strong community, and the

neighbors take great pride in looking out for each other and issues concerning their neighborhood.

It was no wonder that so many people wrote or called Councilman Zine asking that the proposal for a flag lot, where one existing lot is sub-divided into two with one lot behind the other and a narrow driveway to the street (thus creating the look of a flag on a property map), not be approved. Councilman Zine heard the community’s concern and acted.

Councilman Zine agreed that such a lot formation would create a new unwanted precedence in the neighborhood (there are no similar lot configurations in the neighborhood with the same zoning). Such lot configurations would destroy the bucolic

and agrarian quality of life of Walnut Acres that makes it such a unique jewel in the West Valley.

“One of the best things Los Angeles has to offer are diverse types of housing to its citizens,” said Zine. “If a neighborhood is unified and committed I will always advocate to protect them.”

With very little hesitation, the Planning Department denied the lot split.



The beautiful Autumn colors of Walnut Acres.



**BY MARISOL ESPINOZA, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
CANOGA PARK, RESEDA & WINNETKA**

Reseda Community Welcomes New Dance Studio

On October 23, 2004, the Reseda community welcomed a new business to the Sherman Way Corridor. After several months of working with the City, the Community Redevelopment Agency, and the community, the Los Angeles Ballet Academy has made its home at 18138 Sherman Way, right next door to La Tortilla Loca's Canóas Banquet Hall in Reseda. The brand new ballet studio is state of the art, with three new studio rooms, that have sprung floors and high ceilings. This space was vacant for eighteen months, so this addition is a great improvement to the area. Owner Andrea Paris Gutierrez, worked diligently with the Community Redevelopment Agency to move her studio's location to the West San Fernando Valley. After several years in the Van Nuys area, Ms. Paris Gutierrez is bringing her positive environment to the Third Council District.

This is a great example of the CRA's business attraction program at work, bringing positive, desirable businesses into neighborhoods. The Ballet Academy will bring art, culture, and education to the Reseda Business Corridor. This serves as a place for kids to come together in the community, and to stay off of the streets, by engaging in a creative outlet.



Members of the Los Angeles Youth Ballet, Junior Company.



Actors from the Wizard of Oz which will be playing at the Madrid Theatre on December 14th & 15th.

The dedication of the new facility included presentations from Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Alycia Seaman from Assemblymember Lloyd Levine's office, Ann Kinzle from the Reseda Chamber of Commerce and Vicky Gilkey from the Community Redevelopment Agency. Councilman Zine presented a certificate welcoming the Academy to the community. After the certificate presentation the community went inside to see amazing live performances by the students of the Academy. The event included performances from the Los Angeles Youth Ballet, Junior Company, Theatrics Dance Company, and Team Theatrics. The audience also enjoyed a preview of the Jitterbug scene from the upcoming Wizard of Oz, which will be playing at the Madrid Theatre on December 14 and 15.

It was a wonderful event, and we look forward to seeing the continued growth of this community. For further information on the Los Angeles Ballet Academy, please visit or call (818) 780-6126.



**BY GRETCHEN MARTIN, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF
WOODLAND HILLS**

Woodland Hills stands for WOW!

Over the last few month, Woodland Hills has hosted a variety of events that have enriched our community.

First, Councilman Dennis P. Zine joined LAFD officials at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fire Station 84, which is a new fire station scheduled for construction under Proposition F funds. This station will replace the older, smaller station with a new state of the art Regional Training Center. The difference between a Standard Station and a Regional Fire Station is Regional Stations have a training room, which can also be used as a community meeting room, an apparatus storage building, and maintenance can also be performed there. All Regional stations are on two acres and are 15,000 square feet in size. The estimated cost is \$9.3 million and the projected life of a station is 50 years. This new station will provide improved service during emergencies, modern equipment to enable fire department personnel to better perform their jobs, the ability to handle emergency medical services and hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, and helicopter operations. At the ground breaking, Councilman Dennis P. Zine presented Battalion Commander Chief, John Duca a certificate, recognizing the benefit to the community. This will be a great addition to the Woodland Hills Community.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine, LAFD Chief Bamattre, and members of Fire Station 84 at the Groundbreaking of their new Fire Station.



Councilman Zine displays the plans for the new Fire Station at the Groundbreaking.

Second, Code 3 Collectibles paid tribute to local fire-rescue and law enforcement agencies by holding a community event called "Salute our Local Heroes." This event recognized the men and women who risk their lives on a daily basis to protect us and make our communities a better place to live. The events included helicopter flybys, wall repelling, bomb robot demonstration, auto extrication demonstration, and a Labrador named Kimba, with a K-9 officer wearing his LAPD badge. There were also fire engines, a horse posse, helicopter, display of the LASD Racing team car, along with "Sparky the Mascot". Also in attendance was the LAPD West Valley Explorers Group in its 42nd year providing special training to young people interested in a career in law enforcement. This group hosted a Bar-B-Q with all the proceeds going to support their trip to the Annual Explorer national competition, which will be held in Hawaii next year. To date, they have had to pay their own way to these competitions. At last year's event they won the Spirit Award. Code 3 also sponsors the Annual Toy Run to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, and they are the single largest donation of toys to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. This was a free event open to the public, it should be on everyone's calendar for next year. See you there.



BY NICOLE MOYE, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
TARZANA & WEST HILLS

LIGHT THE NIGHT IN WOODLAND HILLS

Councilman Dennis P. Zine joined other Los Angeles municipal agencies, celebrities, cancer survivors, cancer patients, and their families in Woodland Hills at the 6th Annual Light the Night Walk. This is a nationwide fundraising walk to commemorate lives touched by cancer.

September marks the annual observance of Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Awareness Month, a time to commemorate the more than 712,000 patients in the U.S. currently battling blood cancers. Every fall, families, friends and businesses in neighborhoods around the country participate in The Light The Night Walk.



Councilman Zine with members and sponsors of Light the Night.

Every five minutes a new person is diagnosed with blood cancer, and every nine minutes someone succumbs. Blood cancers can affect anyone at any given time – they do not discriminate against ethnicity, class, or age.

Since opening in 1949, the Society has provided approximately \$360 million for research specifically targeting blood cancers. “Events like this, and people like you work to ensure that the much needed funding is available to spend on research and cures for blood cancers,” said Councilman Zine as he presented the Society with a certificate.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society hosts the event in communities throughout the country to raise money for blood cancer research and patient services. Co-workers, families and friends walk together in twilight holding illuminated balloons--white for survivors and red for supporters. The walk, which works to recognize the impact that

various types of blood cancers have not only on the victim but on the family as well, is also a community celebration. There were informational booths, vendors, family activities and refreshments. Last year, the event raised more than \$18 million nationally. This year, the Society hopes to raise more than \$23 million.

“By creating a partnership with the community and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, we can make a difference, we can find and fund cures and we will save lives,” said Councilman Zine.

For more information on The Light the Night Walk, please visit their website at www.lightthenight.org.

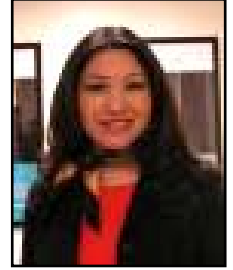


Councilman Dennis P. Zine begins the 6th Annual Light the Night Walk.



BRIAN PERRY
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY

TRACEY CHAVIRA
LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY



LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: AGENDAS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS.

The City has initiated review of personal service contracting procedures at the proprietary departments. Recently, the specific issue of the appropriateness of contracting with former City of Los Angeles (City) employees to perform services similar to that of their City employment duties has arisen. To further ensure the City is engaging in appropriate personal service contracting practices, the City should also review its personal service contracts with recently departed City employees and determine whether the contracts were awarded in conformance with City procedures and to evaluate whether changes to City procedures regarding such contacts are warranted.

It is not uncommon to hear of former City employees receiving personal service contracts from the City to perform-similar if not identical duties to those previously performed as employees at compensation levels far above those received as City employees. Contracts between City Departments and their former employees can result in potential public perceptions of impropriety. City contracting procedures must ensure that personal service contracts, including contracts with former City employees, are awarded with the best interests of the City and its taxpayers at heart. The City must serve as a model of ethical, objective, fair, practical and transparent contracting practices.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the City Administrative Officer (CAD), in cooperation with other City Departments as appropriate, to report to the Personnel Committee within 90 days regarding:

- (1) The number of personal service contracts awarded to former City employees within one year of their resignation, retirement or termination, whether the contracting City Department was the Department that the employee most recently worked for or a different City Department, whether the services contracted for were similar to those performed by the individual when they were a City employee, and whether or not such contracts were sole source contracts or competitively bid.
- (2) Recommended modifications to City procedures. if any, to ensure personal service contracts awarded to former City employees by City Departments, including proprietary departments. are appropriate and in the best interest of the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct all City Departments, including proprietary departments, to expeditiously respond to all CAO information requests regarding personal service contracts awarded to former City employees.

Presented by DENNIS P. ZINE, Councilman, Third District

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ADMISSION

The Music Center Education Division Proudly presents **WORLD CITY**, a popular new performance series that celebrates the rich diversity of cultural traditions reflected in the Los Angeles community. **WORLD CITY** features internationally renowned artists in admission-free Saturday afternoon performances. Bring the entire family to enjoy music, dance and theatre at the W.M. Keck Foundation Children's Amphitheatre—a 300 seat outdoor performance space at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Saturday performances: First show—12:30 pm Second show—2:00 pm

In addition to performances, free visual arts workshops for children will be offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon Garden.

For more information, please call (213) 972-4396 or visit www.musiccenter.org/education

If you have not already used your allotted buses from the Charter Bus Program, please call my Office Manager, Yvette Whitaker at (818) 756-8848 to schedule your trip now.

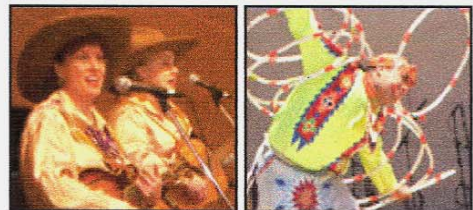
January 29, 2005

Khac Chi and Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company



April 30, 2005

Daughters of the Purple Sage & Kanata Native Dance Theatre



February 19, 2005

Jazz Tap Ensemble & Heritage Chorale



May 28, 2005

Olga Loya and Quetzalcoatl



March 12, 2005

Patrick Ball and The Tinkers



June 25, 2005

Japanese Festival Sounds and Khmer Arts Academy



\$1000 REWARD



For any individual providing information to the police which results in the apprehension and conviction of vandalism suspects.

If you or any of your employees have any information which may be helpful in ending the current assault of graffiti and vandalism in your area, I urge you to contact **LAPD at (818) 756-9891 or call my office at (818) 756-8848.**

Please know that I am reviewing every possible option and will take appropriate action to end this attack on our neighborhoods. I appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter.

Together we can keep our community safe and beautiful.

**DENNIS P. ZINE,
COUNCILMAN
Third District**

311

Make One Call To City Hall

Residents may access information and any non-emergency service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 311 call center is equipped to serve the hearing impaired and information is available in more than 150 languages.



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Member: Public Safety
Member: Rules & Elections & Intergovernmental Relations
EERC: Executive Employee Relations Committee
NLC: National League of Cities
ICA: Independent City Association - Treasurer
LAPD: Line Reserve Officer
LAUSD: Reserve Motorcycle Sergeant

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Zine with Steve Kindred of KFWB 980 at the newly posted "Media Only" street parking signs at City Hall



City Councilmember's honor Alex Sullivan who retired after more than 26 years with KNX 1070 Radio.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine and the winners of the 0-3 year old category at Westfields 2004 Halloween Costume Contest.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine and the winners of the 4-7 year old category at Westfields 2004 Halloween Costume Contest.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine and the winners of the 8-12 year old category at Westfields 2004 Halloween Costume Contest.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Michael Miller (Honorary Mayor of Woodland Hills) and Council President Alex Padilla at City Hall.

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Dennis P. Zine speaks to principals from schools in the Third District at his 3rd Annual Principals Meeting at his District Office.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine greets Joanna Hayes the 2004 Athens Olympic Gold Medalist for Women's 100-meter Hurdles.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors Charlie Tuna & Tommy Monje of KBIG 104.3 Radio for their work with Children's Miracle Network a charity for Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.



Honorary Mayor of Hollywood, Johnny Grant visits L.A. City Councilmember's in City Hall with Santa Claus to announce the Hollywood Christmas Parade.



Santa visits Councilman Dennis P. Zine and it's obvious he thinks Councilman Zine was Nice and not Naughty this year.



From Councilman Dennis P. Zine & Staff